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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on January 4, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)

Members Excused: Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Virginia Aldrich, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Organizational Meeting

Introductions of Members and Staff:

00:00:50 Chair Vincent
 00:01:45 Sen. Welborn
 00:02:30 Sen. Cohenour
 00:03:01 Sen. Barrett
 00:03:50 Sen. Pomnichowski
 00:04:30 Sen. McNally
 00:05:19 Sen. Ankney
 00:06:31 Sen. Connell
 00:07:43 Sen. Phillips
 00:08:11 Sen. Fielder
 00:08:55 Sen. Hinkle
 00:09:40 Sen. Richmond
 00:10:51 Patricia Christian, committee secretary
 00:11:35 Virginia Aldrich, Legislative Services Department (LSD)
 00:12:04 Chair Vincent

Staff Function:

00:12:21 Chair Vincent

Rules of Procedure:

00:15:20 Chair Vincent

[EXHIBIT\(nas03a01\)](#)

16:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved to accept the draft rules as presented.
 Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:17:25 Chair Vincent

[EXHIBIT\(nas03a02\)](#)

Introduction of Agencies:

00:17:26 Chair Vincent

00:17:47 Tom Livers, director, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

[EXHIBIT\(nas03a03\)](#)

00:25:36 Chair Vincent

00:25:43 Sen. Hinkle

00:25:55 Mr. Livers, DEQ

00:27:20 Chair Vincent

00:27:40 Mr. Livers

00:28:26 Chair Vincent

00:28:50 Mr. Livers

00:28:52 Chair Vincent

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00:29:04 John Tubbs, director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
(DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(nas03a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas03a05\)](#)

00:37:50 Chair Vincent

00:37:56 Sen. Ankney

00:38:50 Sen. Phillips

00:39:06 Mr. Tubbs, DNRC

00:40:57 Chair Vincent

00:41:06 Mr. Tubbs

00:41:15 Chair Vincent

00:41:50 Mr. Tubbs

00:41:56 Chair Vincent

00:41:58 Mr. Tubbs

00:42:24 Chair Vincent

00:42:59 Mr. Tubbs

00:43:17 Chair Vincent

00:43:27 Paul Sihler, chief of staff, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

00:47:47 Chair Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:49 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas03aad.pdf](#))